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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application including claims 1 to 11 (claims 12 and 13 cancelled herein), in view of the following remarks, is requested.

Claims 1 to 11 have been allowed, as indicated by the Office Action, at p. 1 (§ 5), and p. 4.

Claims 12 and 13

Claims 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based on U.S. Patent No. 3,588,962 (Feldberg '962) (Office Action, p. 3 to 4). Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled in the present "Amendment". Accordingly, the rejections of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn, and such action is requested.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, containing a FORM PTO-1449, for the above-identified application on May 20, 2005 (Certificate of Mailing Date). The most recent Office Action (mailing date 05/24/2005) for the above-identified application did not contain a FORM PTO-1449 as an attachment to the Office Action. The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (May 20, 2005) complied with the requirements for entry and consideration thereof by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). More

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specifically, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (May 20, 2005) contained a foreign search report and was submitted within three months of the communication from the foreign patent office with which the foreign search report was enclosed. The foreign search report is for a foreign application which is a counterpart of the above-identified application. Accordingly, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (May 20, 2005) was timely filed. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c)(1), 1.97(e)(1). Applicants request acknowledgement of entry and consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (May 20, 2005) by the USPTO. Applicants further request that such acknowledgment be indicated by each citation contained on the FORM PTO-1449¹ being initialed by the USPTO. Applicants request that such acknowledgement be included with the next communication from the USPTO to Applicants.

The foregoing is submitted as being fully responsive to the Office Action including the rejections and objections contained therein. Accordingly, the above-identified application is submitted as being allowable and allowance thereof is requested.

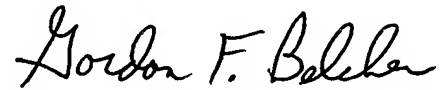
No fee is believed to be required for entry of the present "Amendment" in the record of the above-identified application and consideration thereof. However, if any such fee(s) is required, the USPTO is authorized and requested to charge such fee(s) to the Deposit Account No. 20-0776.

¹ which was attached to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (May 20, 2005).

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above-identified application, Applicants' Attorney Gordon F. Belcher is requested to be contacted at the below-identified telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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